

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, in Vermont, trees are important to our way and quality of life – they are a source of fun, shade, or solace when we just need a quiet place; and

WHEREAS, we know trees provide much more. Trees can create jobs and improve our well-being. Trees can increase home values and lower summer temperatures. Trees make our air and water cleaner and provide habitat for native animals; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the Vermont Urban & Community Forestry Program celebrates its 25th anniversary. The program has worked to shape local tree programs and set communities on the path that recognizes trees are key to their vibrancy, sustainability, and resiliency efforts.

WHEREAS, On Arbor Day, Vermonters are encouraged to get involved, get outside, and get to work to care for our trees. Together we can make Vermont a shade better.

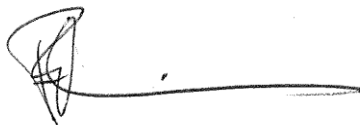
WHEREAS, the first Friday in May is the day Vermonters come together to celebrate trees and all they provide; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim Friday, May 6, 2016 as

ARBOR DAY

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 3rd day of May, A.D. 2016.



Peter Shumlin
Governor



